

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 5-7 and 9-13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has, accordingly, amended Claim 1 to incorporate the allowed subject matter of the dependent Claim 5, and it is believed that dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-17 are now allowable.

Newly drafted Claim 31 represents the indicated allowed subject matter of dependent Claim 9 and accordingly, it is believed that Claim 31 and its dependent Claims 32-45 are also allowable. Note, the dependant claims do not introduce any new issues and are consistent with the original dependent claims presented as dependent from the original Claim 1.

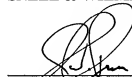
Claims 18-23 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite the issuing of a patent and are believed to constitute allowable subject matter within the elected subject matter that could support a continuation/divisional application.

Since only allowable subject matter is now presented, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early notification to expedite the prosecution of the present application is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will assist in the prosecution of this case,
the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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